

**THE DEVELOPMENT AND CURRENT PROSPECTS OF THE LAW INSTITUTE IN
THE REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN**

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Annotation: This article details the development, stages, and progress made in the activities of the legal entity.

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"It is very important to ensure the fundamental rights and freedoms of citizens and the independence of lawyers and judges in practice. In this regard, under the direct direction of the distinguished President Shavkat Mirziyoyev, the positive innovations that are taking place in Uzbekistan deserve a high value. From the time the new President of Uzbekistan arrived at the head of the country, we have been watching as acceptable changes are taking place at a rapid pace in all aspects of your country's life. We are witnessing significant progress toward ensuring openness and transparency, achieving the independence of judges and lawyers. I am pleased to remember the visit I made to Uzbekistan three years ago. At that time, we held effective discussions with the President of the United States and the heads of relevant institutions. I would like to take the opportunity to emphasize privately that these mutual trust-based discussions have yielded results. Because at the same time, we see that ensuring the rule of law in your country is improving in a positive way. I applaud the strengthening of the norm in your Constitution that the country does not apply the death penalty. Of course, the emphasis is placed on the development of the Habeas Corps institute and the guarantee of free movement of individuals in the country is also of utmost importance.

It is noteworthy that the principles of the rule of law are being established in your Constitution. (Matthew 24:14; 28:19, 20) Jehovah's Witnesses would be pleased to discuss these answers with you.

At the same time, I sincerely support the decision of constitutional norms that serve as a guarantee of establishing a rooftop legal state in your Headquarters. Because as a result, the true independence of the judges, more importantly the lawyers, will be ensured without a word."

***UN Human Rights Council
Judges and lawyers on issues of independence
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In modern international law, special attention is paid to human rights and freedoms and their protection. The important role of the lawyer in addressing these issues is increasingly reflected in international human rights documents.

A lawyer is derived from the Latin word *advocatus*, which means a social and legal institution with a special status consisting of professional associations that carry out the task of acting in court, implementing protection, and providing broadly qualified legal assistance.

In the Republic of Uzbekistan, the Legal Department is one of the main and important institutions of civil society, which is entrusted with the Constitutional task of providing qualified legal assistance to legal and physical persons. Therefore, since the early years of the independence of the Republic, there has been a special and constant emphasis on reforming the institution of lawyers, considered an integral part of the judicial system, and establishing a strong, independent legal system based on democratic principles.

Significant changes in the political life of our country, economic, social, political, cultural, and judicial reforms prohibit the modern development of the legal system and the improvement of the legal framework. Like all sectors of society from the independence of the Republic of Uzbekistan to this day, the legal system, an integral part of the judicial system, has continuously developed and improved.

Therefore, the development of the Institute of Legal Affairs in Uzbekistan can be divided into the following three main stages:

Phase 1 - 1990-1996;

Phase 2 - 1996-2016;

Phase 3 - 2016-2021.

As a result of the legal practical result of preliminary reforms in the legal system, the laws of the Republic of Uzbekistan were first adopted in the country on December 27, 1996, in "On the Legal Department", and on December 25, 1998, as a logical continuation of this Law "On the Guarantees of Legal Affairs and the Social Protection of Lawyers".

Some of the problems that arise in the process of applying laws and legal acts regulating the activities of the legal entity, the existence of repeated or declarative standards in the law, especially in the laws "On the Rights of the Lawyers" and "On the Guarantees of Legal Affairs and the Social Protection of Lawyers," as well as changes taking place at the current stage of development, and international development of all sectors of the republic Integration and liberalization with the community, deepening social processes also raise the need to reform the legal system in Uzbekistan and further improve legislation regulating the sphere.

On May 1, 2008, the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan adopted a decree "On measures to further reform the institute of lawyers in the Republic of Uzbekistan," which included serious changes and amendments to the Law "On Legal Affairs". This Decree recognizes the lawyer for the first time as one of the main institutions of civil society, establishes an effective self-governing centralized system of the lawyer, strengthens the requirements for the qualifications of candidates for the lawyer, as well as establishes the obligation to regularly improve the professional skills of lawyers, effective licensing of a lawyer with honest and professional professionals issues such as the establishment of a system, the equality of the procedural rights of the parties to charges and protection in the criminal protocol, the gradual improvement of the institute of representation of parties aimed at preventing persons with specialized knowledge in the field of law from participating in the court case, the mechanism for monitoring compliance with professional ethics by lawyers, and improving the system of disciplinary proceedings against lawyers as the main areas of reform.

Today, there are more than **4,000 lawyers** in the republic, or an average of 1 lawyer per capita, of which 43 percent, or 1,733, are found to work in Tashkent, of which the number under the age of 30 is only 51.

The average population figure is 7.6,000 for one lawyer, compared with 136 lawyers in Israel and 265 in Italy, There were 328 in Spain, 386 in Great Britain, 499 in Germany, 794 in Turkey, 833 in Georgia, 1,205 in Ukraine, 1,020 in France, 1,870 in Russia, and 3,932 in Kazakhstan.

In accordance with the Decree of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan No UP-5441 of May 12, 2018, a "Comprehensive Programme of Measures for further improvement of the

institution of law" was developed and a number of changes and amendments to applicable law were introduced.

At the same time, as stated in the book *The New Uzbekistan Development Strategy*, our country's head of state said: "The New Uzbekistan Development Strategy involves effectively organizing the work of an independent lawyer. It is the current task to protect the rights, freedoms and legitimate interests of citizens in judicial activities."

Development strategy and lawyer

The 19th goal of the development strategy is to "fundamentally increase the capabilities of the Institute of Legal Affairs in protecting human rights, freedoms and legitimate interests, as well as to fully meet the demands of the population and business entities for qualified legal services."

To achieve this goal, the following tasks are set:

First, transfer the institution of the legal entity to a full self-government system and attract young qualified personnel to the lawyer;

Second, strengthen the accountability of the governing bodies of the Chamber of Lawyers to the lawyers' community;

third, formation of modern and institutional foundations of the system of professional development of lawyers;

Fourth, digitize advocacy activities. In other words, end excessive bureaucracy and paperwork through the introduction of modern information technology in the work of advocacy, and the exchange of electronic documents with the courts, law enforcement agencies and other government agencies;

fifth, expand the scope of free legal assistance;

Sixth, it is intended to ensure the use of the services of notary and civil records bodies without anxiety, including remotely and on the basis of a "foreign gate".

Independent lawyer concept

A number of other important documents are also being developed in our country to improve the potential of the institute of lawyers. In our view, one of them is the need to develop a Code of Attorney. It must contain all laws and regulations governing the clock.

Legal foundations of the legal services sector are also being improved. To assist individuals desiring to benefit the worldwide work of Jehovah's Witnesses through some form of charitable giving, a brochure entitled *Charitable Planning to Benefit Kingdom Service Worldwide* has been prepared.

Another important document, namely, the preparation of the Concept of Independent Lawyers, is also under way. The concept, in particular:

- strengthening the role of a lawyer in protecting the rights, freedoms and legitimate interests of citizens at all stages of the investigation and trial;
- Improving the activities of the Chamber of Lawyers, ensuring its rooftop independence, transferring the institute of lawyers to a full self-government system, increasing accountability of the governing bodies of the Chamber of Lawyers to the lawyers' community, attracting young and qualified professionals to the system;
- encompasses tasks in key areas, such as the development of a "digital lawyer".

In the meantime, to develop a "digital lawyer":

first, introduction of modern information and communication technologies in the work of lawyers;

second, effectively exchange electronic information between the lawyer, the judiciary and law enforcement agencies and other government agencies in order to ensure that the information necessary to carry out advocacy activities is obtained quickly;

Third, expand the ability of lawyers to provide online legal assistance to individuals, both physically and physically, through a special information program;

Fourth, it is important to note that for the activities of the lawyer, it is necessary to develop the necessary information systems, databases and other software products and to ensure comprehensive protection and confidentiality of the information stored in them.

Of course, the importance of introducing modern information and communication technologies into the legal system is insignificant. Thus, new steps in this area will enable the institute of legal counsel to increase the independence of government agencies and other structures by eliminating human factors in the systemic hierarchy.

A lawyer is not a government agency, but a community of skilled professionals who are well versed in their work and who have a deep understanding of the responsibilities of their responsibilities. In this sense, we would like to put forward the following proposals:

First, on the day of the legal profession - the date of the professional holiday of representatives of the lawyers' community;

Secondly, establish the "Best Lawyer" breaststroke;

Third, by forming a "Single State Register of Lawyers," it is necessary to create a holistic, open, and reliable source of information that is very important not only for citizens but also for law enforcement agencies and the courts.

Most gratifyingly, our Leader has initiated the establishment of an Academy of Lawyers before the Chamber of Lawyers. The future Academy of Lawyers, including:

- training of lawyers, professional development, specializing in different areas of law;
- – In today's rapidly globalizing world, in a climate where competition in economic, political, legal and other spheres of competition in the world market is growing, the introduction of targeted scientific and innovative research on the trends of the development of the legal adviser, the introduction of technological innovation;
- taking into account the guarantees provided to lawyers and international standards for the provision of advocacy services, it deals with tasks such as the development of modern textbooks and textbooks and programs aimed at improving the professional training of lawyers.

Second, our observations confirm that among the young professionals who tasted the "hard bread" of the student, of course, the best lawyers will grow up. Therefore, special attention is required to be given to such issues as the training of lawyers in higher education institutions of legal direction, the introduction of the "Legal Law" course, the organization of internships in the field of law.

Third, it is necessary to develop the necessary organizational and legal measures aimed at supporting advocacy activities. Such measures, especially:

- law enforcement activities;
- provision of legal assistance to citizens;
- legal propagation and explanation work;
- is prohibited from implementing consistently in the fields of legal education. Why is it that while serving as an example of legality, justice, and humanitarianism, a lawyer must have improved his or her ability to improve his or her ability to do so in areas of law.

Fourth, the issue of raising the image of lawyers and creating the image of a lawyer today is also relevant. It is very important to show the role and importance of well-known lawyers of the past and present by publishing such books as "Lawyer of Uzbekistan: History and Present", "Uzbekistan's lawyer in the image of processes and persons".

Of course, such updates and opportunities indicate that in the near future, the incomparable results achieved in the development of the legal system in the country are likely to be considered examples and examples for other countries. 4

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